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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to further examination of this U.S. nationalization of PCT Application No.  
PCT/US98/03914, please amend the Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 5, please insert the following:

**-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 08/808,093, filed February 28, 1997, now  
U.S. Patent 5,928,740. —

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**REMARKS**

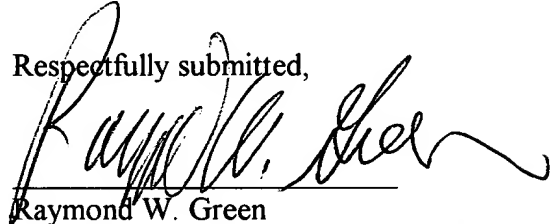
The present Amendment adds a cross-reference to a parent Application, the priority of which is claimed under 35 USC 120.

This is a U.S. National Stage Application based on a PCT Application which has undergone a Chapter II Examination of the claims now presented. The International Preliminary Examination Report states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33, have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the application entering the national stage. The basic national fee as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.492(a)(4) has been paid.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.496(b), the present Application should therefore be taken up for examination out of order.

The Examiner should also take official notice of the findings, at the International stage, that the claims now presented are new, non-obvious and useful.

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